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 EXT: 6847  
 DATE: 21 AUGUST 1967

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25X1A IMMEDIATE [REDACTED]

INFO: PRIORITY [REDACTED]

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REF A: BX6716

25X1A B: TELCON [REDACTED]

25X1A C: [REDACTED] 7458

25X1A 1. "TAKE" FROM MSN BX6716 WILL BE MOVED TO [REDACTED] FOR PROCESSING.

2. SARD NBR FOR PRIORITY MOVEMENT IS 1099.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] TO COORDINATE WITH MAC AIRLIFT L/O AND MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO SCHEDULE "TAKE" ON FIRST AVAILABLE MAC FLIGHT DEPARTING AFTER 21/1220Z FOR EAST COAST U.S.

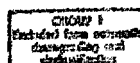
25X1A 4. [REDACTED] WILL CHANGE ITINERARY TO INCLUDE ROCHESTER WHEN FLIGHT NBR IS KNOWN.

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FLIGHT NBR IS FIRM.

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25X1A IMMEDIATE [REDACTED] PRIORITY INFO [REDACTED]

25X1A REF: A. [REDACTED] 7892

B. [REDACTED] 6838

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REF B NOT SENT [REDACTED] HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF CONVERSATION WITH

25X1A [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] AND HIS NOT KNOWING BX67<sup>16</sup> ARRIVING SUNDAY

25X1A MORNING HE CONCURS BX 67<sup>16</sup> CAN BE PROCESSED ON OVERTIME BASIS

TO BE FOLLOWED BY 4307, THE LATTER NOT ON AN OVERTIME BASIS.

PROCESSING OF BX 67<sup>16</sup> CAN BE STARTED AT SUCH A TIME THAT NO

SIGNIFICANT INTERRUPTION IN CREW CONTINUITY WILL EXIST WHEN

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TRANSITIONING TO 4307. WE ANSWERING THIS FOR [REDACTED] AND WITH [REDACTED]  
CONCURRENCE IN VIEW OF VERY SHORT TIME YOU MUST HAVE ANY DECISION  
CONTRARY TO REF A and B.

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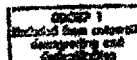
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BX6716

25X1A REFS: A. 9453

25X1A B. 5972

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION, PASSED IN RESPONSE TO REF A, IS

25X1A RESTRICTED TO BACKGROUND USE ONLY FOR [ ] AMBASSADOR AND

25X1A COMMANDER TDC AND [ ] AND AMBASSADOR. INFORMATION IS

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE TWO BLACK SHIELD MISSIONS FLOWN SINCE THOSE REPORTED REF B. NOTE: MISSIONS FLOWN ARE NOT ALWAYS IN CONSECUTIVE NUMERICAL ORDER.

2. MISSION 6716:

A. SUMMARY: BLACK SHIELD MISSION 6716 FLOWN ON 21 AUGUST OBTAINED PHOTOGRAPHY OF NEARLY ALL OF NORTH VIETNAM NORTH OF THE PANHANDLE, INCLUDING MOST OF THE HIGH PRIORITY SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE SEARCH AREAS, MOST OF THE SERVICEABLE AIRFIELDS, ABOUT HALF OF THE SAM SITES, AND MANY US STRIKE AND INTERDICTION TARGET AREAS. NO EVIDENCE OF

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SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE DEPLOYMENT WAS NOTED.

B. THIS MISSION OBTAINED PHOTOGRAPHY OF NEARLY ALL OF NORTH VIETNAM NORTH OF THE PANHANDLE. TWO PASSES WERE FLOWN: THE FIRST COVERED THE AREA ALONG THE CHINESE BORDER--INCLUDING PINGHSIANG AND LAO CAI--AND THE SECOND COVERED HAIPHONG, HANOI AND THE REGION WEST OF HANOI. ABOUT 65 PERCENT OF THE PHOTOGRAPHED AREAS WERE CLOUD FREE. HANOI WAS CLEAR, BUT HAIPHONG WAS PARTIALLY HIDDEN BY HAZE.

C. NO EVIDENCE OF SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE DEPLOYMENT WAS NOTED. THE MISSION COVERED MOST OF THE HIGH PRIORITY MERM SEARCH AREAS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN AREA NORTH OF THAI NGUYEN AND NORTH AND WEST OF YEN BAI.

D. NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR DEFENSES: THE MISSION PHOTOGRAPHED EIGHT OF NORTH VIETNAM'S 11 SERVICEABLE AIRFIELDS AND ONE OF TWO NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY WAS APPARENT ON ANY OF THE FIELDS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ROOFING OVER OF ALERT AIRCRAFT REVENEMENTS AT PHUC YEN, GIA LAM, AND HOA LAC AIRFIELDS. THE PURPOSE

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OF THIS ROOFING IS NOT CLEAR, BUT IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE OF  
SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO WITHSTAND A BOMB BLAST. IT COULD BE  
INTENDED AS A WEATHER COVERING FOR THE ALERT AIRCRAFT AND CREWS  
AND MAY ALSO SERVE TO PROTECT THE REVENEMENTS FROM CBU PELLETS.

E. THE AIR ORDER OF BATTLE AS SHOWN IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY  
IS QUITE CLOSE TO CURRENT OFFICIAL ESTIMATES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF  
MIG-21S, NONE OF WHICH WERE IN EVIDENCE ON THIS MISSION.

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THE MIG-15/17 TALLY OF 21 AIRCRAFT ON THE DRV AIRFIELDS AND CONSIDERED  
OPERATIONAL IS VERY CLOSE TO THE OFFICIAL ESTIMATE, HOWEVER, AND THE  
EXCESS MAY BE EXPLAINED BY THE PRESENCE OF UMIG-15 TRAINERS WHICH  
COULD BE MISTAKEN FOR MIG-15/17 FIGHTERS IN AN INITIAL READOUT.

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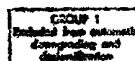
F. THE PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWED 108 OF THE MORE THAN 200 SERVICEABLE SAM SITES IN NORTH VIETNAM. THE NUMBER COVERED IS SOMEWHAT LOWER THAN THAT OF PREVIOUS BLACK SHIELD MISSIONS, BUT AN ABOVE AVERAGE NUMBER OF OCCUPIED SITES WERE SEEN. CURRENT ESTIMATES PLACE 25 TO 30 SAM FIRING UNITS IN THE DEV, 14 OF WHICH SHOWED UP ON THIS MISSION. ONE OF THE 69 UNOCCUPIED SITES APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED SINCE THE LAST BLACK SHIELD MISSION. THE 25 REMAINING SITES IDENTIFIED ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR TO DETERMINE OCCUPANCY.

G. TRANSPORTATION. THE MISSION ALSO PROVIDED COVERAGE OF MUCH OF THE RAIL NETWORK IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE KEP-THAI NGUYEN LINE. AN INITIAL SCAN OF THE FILM SHOWED THAT THE MISSION COVERED 18 BRIDGES AND 11 RAIL YARDS. CURRENT INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE HANOI RAILROAD HIGHWAY BRIDGES OVER THE RED RIVER AND THE

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CANAL DES RAPIDES AND SERVICEABLE BY-PASSES WAS ALSO OBTAINED.

H. CHINESE ACTIVITY IN NORTH VIETNAM: TWO NEW STORAGE AREAS WITH 42 DISPERSED BUILDINGS WERE IDENTIFIED AT LAO CAI, SHOWING THAT THE CHINESE ENGINEERS THERE ARE CONTINUING TO EXPAND THEIR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.

3. MISSION 6718:

A. SUMMARY: BLACK SHIELD MISSION 6718, FLOWN ON 31 AUGUST 1967 WAS LIMITED BY HEAVY CLOUD COVER AND EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION. USABLE COVERAGE OF NORTH VIETNAM WAS RESTRICTED TO THE FAR NORTHWEST FROM LAO CAI ON THE CHINESE BORDER TO THE DIEN BIEN PHU AREA. SOME COVERAGE WAS OBTAINED OF NORTHEASTERN LAOS BUT SHOWED NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

B. NO SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SITES OR AIRFIELDS WERE COVERED BY THIS MISSION, AND NO SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE EQUIPMENT WAS IDENTIFIED.

C. FIFTEEN POSSIBLE FIELD ARTILLERY PIECES HAVE ARRIVED

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THEIR PRESENT LOCATION, IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT THESE GUNS ARE  
INTENDED FOR LOCAL DEFENSE OR STORAGE RATHER THAN IMMEDIATE  
SHIPMENT TO NORTH VIETNAM. NO OTHER NEW CHINESE MILITARY  
ACTIVITY ON EITHER SIDE OF THE BORDER WAS DETECTED.

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